



London Ambulance Service Unison Branch Committee Meeting

20th May 2008 1100hrs – Burns Room Union Jack Club SE1

- Present:**
- Eric Roberts - Branch Secretary
 - Eddie Brand – Chair
 - Phil Thompson – Regional Organiser
 - Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair
 - Andrea Gibbs – Welfare Officer
 - Michael Apps –Retired Members Officer
 - Ian Lee – Health & Safety Officer
 - Mark Belkin – Education Officer
 - John Gough – Labour Link Officer
 - Peter Hannell – Equalities/Pensions Officer
 - Richard Chow – EOC/UOC
 - Claudette McNaughton - EOC
 - Harry Day - Training
 - Mark Lione – East Central Sector
 - Nadine Poonawala – North West Sector
 - Julie Shirt – North East Sector (Minutes)
 - Rob Matthews – North West Sector
 - Clive Tombs – South East Sector
 - Dave Lamey – South West Sector
 - Gary Edwards – West Sector

- Apologies:**
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| George Achilles | Fred Philips |
| Karen Walling | Tim Stephens |
| Dave Smith | Paul O'Neill |

Introductions and Welcome	Action
<p>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from 14th March 2008 <u>agreed</u> as a true record. 	Agreed
<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CT – any update on bank holidays? ER stated this is still being interpreted and will be going to back to the Joint Secretaries meeting. 	

<p>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totalling £3,805.55p has been awarded to LAS Unison branch members since March 2008. £1,294,473.03p of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since 1999. - Unison 'Pay Matters' leaflet distributed to the committee. This has information members will need regarding the vote on the latest pay deal. - NHS Pay Ballot timetable – close of ballot 6th June 2008 - Unison Violence at Work factsheet from Thompsons Solicitors. - Thanks received from Unison Welfare for donation of £300. - Labour Link 2008 election results. - Unison Regional Health Conference 1st October 2008. - Justice for Columbia re-affiliation fee of £50. - Hanwell Ambulance Station appeal for a contribution towards a memorial bench and plaque in memory of Bryan Arnold. - Taxi to Disneyland charity trip. Sponsorship appeal received from John Stubbs. - Sahara Desert Charity Trek. Appeal for sponsorship received from Jane Worthington. The branch wishes to know if any sponsorship cheques could be made out to directly to the benefiting charities. 	<p>Agreed/GA Agreed/GA Agreed/GA JS</p>
<p>Agenda for Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Job matching process still ongoing for some positions. <p>Partnership Forum (ER)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last meeting held on 8th May. - <u>Proposed</u> Area Cover agreement was discussed. 	
<p>Branch Officer Reports:-</p> <p>Communication (RS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Retired Members (MA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming retired member's conference. MA will invite those retired members who attended the AGM 	
<p>Health and Safety (IL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trial of battery powered trolley beds (Striker) to take place. - Still waiting to confirm a meeting with ATOS the company contracted to provide occupational health services to the LAS. - Manger Elks have started to be delivered. - High risk addresses can now be added to the register by telephoning EOC. - Ongoing issues concerning MRU motorcycles. - A design for equipment racking in ECP vehicles has now been agreed. 	
<p>Membership (ML)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waiting on new member list to be produced 	
<p>Treasurer (GA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>PTS (GE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	

<p>Welfare (AG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AG recently attended the Unison Welfare conference. - A reminder to all representatives and members to contact Andrea Gibbs for welfare related issues and not ER. - Unfortunately Julie Grant (Head of Unison Welfare) is unwell; AG requests that flowers be sent to Julie from the branch. 	<p>Agreed/AG</p>
<p>EOC (RC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Diversity/Equalities (DS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PH requests funding in order to attend a Equalities and Discrimination course 	<p>Agreed</p>
<p>Education (MB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New staff representatives are invited to attend the updated representative's course. - RM asked if there is a course available for reps on managing attendance. 	<p>MB</p>
<p>Labour Link (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report. 	
<p>Pensions (PH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martina Govindraj is willing to visit stations to discuss pension options with staff. 	
<p>Regional Organiser (PT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PT updated the committee with outcome from Staff Council on 8th May. This regards changing the existing constitution, the final document is pending. There will be an all union staff-side meeting following the July branch committee meeting to finalise the constitution. 	
<p>Staff Council (EB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes will be available for next branch meeting. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Gough is taking part in the London to Brighton bike ride for The British Heart Foundation. £250 donation agreed by committee. 	<p>Agreed/GA</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12th June 2008 1300hrs Conference Room LAS HQ. 	